

## Biography: CSM Dan Elder



Command Sergeant Major Daniel K. Elder is a native of San Bernardino, California. He entered the Army in January 1982 and attended Basic and Advanced Individual Training at Fort Knox, Kentucky, graduating as an Infantry Fighting Vehicle mechanic.

CSM Elder has served as a Squad Leader, Section Sergeant, Platoon Sergeant, Senior Instructor, Senior Drill Sergeant, First Sergeant, Lesson Developer, Installation Sergeant Major and as both a Battalion and Brigade Sergeant Major. He is currently serving as the Command Sergeant Major for the 13th Corps Support Command at Fort Hood, TX.

Overseas assignments for CSM Elder include Bosnia-Herzegovina; Croatia; and three tours in Germany. His stateside assignments include Fort Stewart, Georgia; Fort Knox, Kentucky; Fort Bliss,

Texas; Letterkenny Army Depot, Pennsylvania; and Fort Riley, Kansas.

CSM Elder's military and civilian education include the Primary Leadership Development Course (Commandants Awardee) and the Primary Technical Course; Basic and Advanced (Honor Graduate) Noncommissioned Officer Courses; Instructor and Small Group Instructor Courses; Motor Sergeant and Motor Officer Courses; Drill Sergeant School; and the Garrison Sergeants Major Course. He graduated at the top of his class (Class 48) in the Sergeants Major Course and completed the Command Sergeants Major Course. He was awarded an Associates Degree from Central Texas College, Killeen, Texas and is currently working to complete a Bachelors degree in Information Management with Grantham College of Engineering.

His awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters; the Army Commendation medal with five oak leaf clusters; the Army Achievement Medal with six oak leaf clusters; the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal; the Armed Forces Service Medal; the Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal; the NATO Medal; the Mechanic's Badge; the Drill Sergeant Identification Badge, and other service medals and ribbons. He is also a recipient of the Ordnance Order of Samuel Sharpe.

He has been married to the former Gloria Reese of San Bernardino, California for 20 years. They have two daughters, Danielle and Courtney.

### Assignments:

1982-1983 Schweinfurt, GE (2-30 Infantry Bn, 3rd ID) Mechanic  
1983-1986 Ft Stewart, GA (2-34 Infantry Bn, 24th ID) Squad Leader / Section SGT  
1986-1987 Friedberg, GE (1-36 Infantry Bn, 3rd AD) Maint Team Chief/PSG  
1987-1989 Friedberg, GE (3rd Brigade, 3rd AD) Bde Motor Sgt/PSG  
1989-1993 Ft Knox, KY (6-12 Cavalry, USAARMC) BNCO SR Instructor  
1993-1994 Ft Knox, KY (1-81 Armor, USAARMC) SR Drill Sgt  
1994-1996 Baumholder, GE (3-12 Infantry Bn, 1st AD) BMS / 1SG  
1996-1997 Bosnia & Croatia (123 MSB, 1st AD) 1SG  
1997-1998 USASMA, Ft Bliss, TX (DTC / A co, USASMA) Lesson Developer / Student  
1998-1999 Letterkenny Army Depot (LEAD, AMC) Installation Sergeant Major  
1999-2001 Ft Riley, KS (541st MT BN, III Corps) Battalion Sergeant Major  
2001-2003 Ft Riley, KS (3rd Brigade, 75th Div (TS)) Brigade Sergeant Major  
2003- Ft Hood, TX (13th Corps Support Command, III Corps) Command Sergeant Major